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SUBJECT: TRIPOLI TALKS AT IMPASSE

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1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE
ON IMPASSE IN TRIPOLI NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING MUSLIM
REVOLT IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, ENRILE SAID HE AND
PHILIPPINE MILITARY WERE ADMANTLY OPPOSED TO "AUTONOMY"
FOR SOUTH COTABATO, DAVAO DEL SUR AND PALAWAN. HE POINTED
OUT THAT THESE PROVINCES CONTAINED THE BEST PORT FACILITIES
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IN THE SOUTHERN REGION.

2. ENRILE SAID THAT LIBYAN ASSOCIATIONS WITH SOVIETS WERE SUCH THAT HE AND MILITARY FEARED MUSLIM "AUTONOMISTS" MIGHT EVENTUALLY ESTABLISH SOVIET PORT FACILITIES IN THESE REGIONS AND GIVE SOVIETS A POSITION ON THE ENTIRE EASTERN RIM OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

3. THEREFORE, NO MATTER WHAT IMELDA MARCOS MAY HAVE TOLD THE LIBYANS, HE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO "AUTONOMY" FOR THOSE THREE PROVINCES. HE CLAIMED THAT MARCOS AGREED WITH HIM AND WOULD HOLD THE LINE AGAINST ANY ACCEPTANCE OF THE CURRENT LIBYAN DEMANDS. SULLIVAN

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